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Blighted city parks due for major upgrades

Pam Fleming
Staff writer

Tennis courts are crumbling at Elmer Johnson Park. Playground equipment and bleachers are not safe to use at others.

Romulus parks and equipment are in such sore need of repair that many children have just plain abandoned them.

"A lot of our kids aren't using the parks because of their condition," said Herb Buckley, director of the Romulus Parks and Recreation Department.

With this in mind, he said, the department will make the parks a top priority in the updated draft of the recreation master plan.

The city is required to adopt an updated Recreation Master Plan every five years. Romulus must file the plan for 2003-2008 with the state Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) by March 1 to remain eligible for MDNR grants.

"It's a roadmap," Buckley said. "We have funding that will pay for some of the proposed improvements, but we don't know all that we'll be able to do just yet. It depends on how strapped the city may be for money for these projects."

"We inspected all the parks and we came to the conclusion that all parks are in bad shape," Buckley told members of the Romulus City Council last week.

"We're not talking about buying new land. We want to fix up the current parks and restore things to today's stan-

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dards," said William Costick of Orchard Hiltz & McCliment, city engineers.

Over the past several months, Costick and members of the parks and recreation staff have been working to update the 1997 master plan, which expired at the end of 2002. On Dec. 3, 2002, the Romulus Recreation Commission adopted the plan and forwarded it to the planning commission.

On Jan. 22, recreation officials approved the plan and recommended it to city council members for review. Costick reminded council members that they could amend the master plan at any time during its five-year lifetime.

"We've taken a look at some alternative ways of funding these improvements, too, such as going to local businesses. I've had positive responses so far," said Jerry Kittle, chairman of the recreation commission. "The new master plan does have our blessing as a commission."

Buckley said playing on aging park equipment could lead to injuries.

"I would like to see the parks taken care of, mainly due to liability," he said. "Our main goal is to upgrade our equipment to make it safe."

Buckley wants to turn the tennis courts at Elmer Johnson Park into a skate park.

"The tennis courts are already sinking due to the landfill," he said, referring to the nearby Woodlands Meadows site.

"Kids aren't really into playing tennis as much these days. They're more into skateboarding," he said. "And the more things we can do to keep these kids busy and keep them off the street, the better."

Buckley said the parks and recreation staff conducted a recent survey to see what local citizens wanted at Romulus parks. "It was unanimous from that survey that the kids want a skate park," he said.

If the city council approves a skate park, the parks and recreation department will apply for a Tony Hawk grant, named for the professional skateboarder. The grant could entirely pay for the park, according to Buckley.

Councilman William Crova asked about recent discussions of building a new golf course in Romulus.

"Many golf courses are struggling right now because there are so many," Costick said. "The cost of building a course has gone up dramatically, too."

Crova said he would like more time to digest the information provided on the proposed master plan update before taking action.

The council tabled the plan until the meeting on Monday.

"If the public would like to comment on the plan, citizens should do so before the Feb. 24 meeting," Buckley added.



Lunch date

Students from Betty Santo's class at Romulus Middle School participated in an intergenerational lunch Feb. 13 at the Romulus Senior Center. Kerri Britz, an eighth-grader, squeezes a plate between schoolmate Michael Behnke and Mildred Qualls at the luncheon. The fundraiser generated about \$300 for the Hospice of Michigan. Photo by Pam Fleming

Police warn elderly about dangers of scam artists

Pam Fleming
Staff writer

Romulus police officer Damian Hull has first-hand experience with the exploitation of the elderly.

Hull addressed a crowd at Romulus City Hall last week about scams and crimes that target the elderly, giving seniors tips about how to avoid becoming another statistic.

Hull shared a story about the 35-year-old woman who suddenly befriended his wife's elderly uncle in Kalkaska.

"He was a widower and lived alone," Hull said. "He was giving her money for her kids' new braces or whatever."

The next thing he and his wife knew, the uncle had married the woman and was in the early stages of dementia.

"Later, we learned the female had a lengthy criminal record that included fraudulent activity. She got his 80 acres and his cabin up north," Hull said. "Seniors are taken advantage of and it needs to stop."

He said the exploitation of senior citizens is a nationwide problem and that crimes of this nature often go unnoticed or are not properly investigated.

He said 56 percent of telemarketing fraud involves people



Officer Damian Hull

aged 50 or older, according to a 1999 American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) survey.

In the past 10 years, the abuse and exploitation of the elderly has increased 150 percent, according to Hull. In 1996 half a million elderly people were abused or neglected, he said.

To make matters worse, Hull said, police say that for every case reported, five go unreported because the victim is embarrassed, afraid of retaliation or because they just plain don't know what happened. Diseases of the elderly, such as Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease, also make them "easy prey"

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Police arrest 2 in domestic disputes

Pam Fleming
Staff writer

Domestic disturbances kept Romulus police hopping last week.

Officers charged Rachell Kupski with assault with intent to commit murder when she allegedly stabbed her ex-boyfriend in the chest with a butcher knife Feb. 12. Police on patrol arrested Kupski, 19, at the scene on the 7000 block of Niagara.

The victim was taken to Annapolis Hospital where he was listed in stable condition.

The stabbing occurred during a heated argument between the

two, according to Romulus Police Lt. John Leacher.

Kupski's preliminary court examination is scheduled for Feb. 26 at the 34th District Court in Romulus.

In an unrelated domestic incident, officers responding to a disturbance at a home in the 14600 block of New York ended up charging Dale Mullins, 44, with resisting arrest on Feb. 10.

Family members reported that a relative was highly intoxicated and armed with a rifle, according to police.

"The suspect's wife answered the door and let the officers in," Leacher said. Police attempted to arrest the suspect for an out-

standing felony warrant for drug possession, but the suspect began to resist, Romulus police said.

Police Ofcs. Hussein Farhat and Joshua Monte were able to take the man into custody after a brief struggle.

"He had to be forced to the ground," Leacher said. Farhat and Monte received minor injuries during the altercation and were treated and released at an area clinic.

"They only received scrapes and abrasions. The officers are both fine and are back to work," Leacher said.

Mullins' preliminary court examination was slated for yesterday at 34th District Court.

Relay for Life event set

Westland activists are gearing up for another successful Relay For Life fundraiser, and they're hoping an event next month will help generate additional interest.

The fundraiser is an annual benefit for the American Cancer Society, according to spokesman Kevin Mlutkowski, and it has taken place in Westland for two years now.

The event will take place from 7-8:30 p.m. on March 6, according to Dennis LeMaitre, who is chairing the event this year.

LeMaitre said he was recruited for the chairman role when former co-chair Bob Kosowski said wanted to step down from the responsibilities.

"I decided to step up and get involved as the chairman," he said. It's a fun thing to do and it raises money for the American Cancer Society. How can you go wrong?"

The event is designed to give information for anyone who wants to take part, he said. It's free and open to the public, but he suggested interested people to register ahead of time so organizers will know how many people to expect.

The Relay for Life will take place between 10

a.m. May 31 and 10 a.m. June first in Tom Brown Central City Park, which is behind Westland City Hall. The concept behind the 24-hour event is for each team to have one or more members on the walking paths for 24 consecutive hours, LeMaitre said.

Throughout the event there will be plenty of activities for walkers and their supporters and lots of live entertainment.

"The goal this year is to make it even more fun than last year," LeMaitre said. "We're in the process of lining up the entertainment for the event now, but we don't have any firm commitments, yet."

Teams are left to their own devices to devise ways to generate funds for the event, according to LeMaitre.

During the two-year history of the event in Westland, the top fundraisers have been the city council team, which took the honors in 2000 and Mayor Sandra Cicrelli's team, which took the honors last year.

The kick off event will take place at Joy Manor in Westland. To register, call Barb Iovan at the American Cancer Society at (248) 483-4317.



The 'write' stuff

South Middle School Student Janea Ventour receives an honor from Ross Meadows, senior vice-commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). The VFW sponsored a Patriots Pen Essay Contest recently. Three winners were chosen from 70 students who entered the contest from the school. Winners received a \$100 savings bond and a certificate. The other winners were Jessica G. Phillips and Tara Mayfield. Ventour won the contest at both the post and district level, where she placed second in a total of 700 entries. Ventour received a \$125 savings bond and a certificate.

Romulus students win honors

Romulus students won 13 first-division ratings and eight second-division ratings at the recent District XII Solo and Ensemble Festival at Livonia Franklin High School.

Three groups from Romulus Middle School recorded all A's in their final first-division ratings. There are five ratings in the competition, with a first division rating considered to be a superior performance.

The top groups included Bonita Campbell-Fultz and Kourtney Hamilton, baritone duet; Kirk Patterson and Chelsea Earby, snare drum duet; and James Hayes and Cortez Dyess, baritone duet.

Other winners in the first division are the Romulus High School groups of James Blanton and Jessica Sears, trumpet duet; Jazmine Bennett and Lashonda Windham, flute duet; and Christopher Greene and Miyon Smith, clarinet duet.

Middle School winners in the first division are Joe Kiesznowski and Lacey

McKinney, alto sax duet; Melissa Brewington, Lauren Nierman and Chiara Snook, clarinet trio; Aurelle McCauley and Teresa Windom, clarinet duet; and soloists Jessica Mills, flute; and Henry Windham, French horn.

Groups that received second-division ratings, which is considered a good performance, included Romulus High School soloists Christopher Greene, clarinet; and Brittney Lake, baritone sax. Middle School groups that won second division ratings were Jessica Dick and Patrice Barden, flute duet; Jennifer Dick and Henry Windham, French horn duet; Stephanie Rutherford and Melissa Petersen, clarinet duet; Patrick Sutter, Karen Patterson and Antionece Hearst, trombone trio; Gary Wogaman and Charles Webb, trumpet duet; and Arkara Stovall and Jasmine Brown, flute duet.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF INKSTER WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION POSITION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN any person who wishes to seek a position on the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Inkster must file a nominating petition and an Affidavit of Identity no later than 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon on **Monday, April 7, 2003**. A minimum of twenty (20) valid signatures are required on the nominating petition.

The Annual School Board Election will be held on Monday, June 9, 2003. Two (2) positions on the Inkster Board of Education will be filled at the election. Both positions are four (4) year terms ending June 30, 2007.

Petitions and affidavit forms can be obtained at the office of the Board of Education located at the Hiram McNeely Administration Building 29115 Carlisle, Inkster, MI. 48141. The office hours are: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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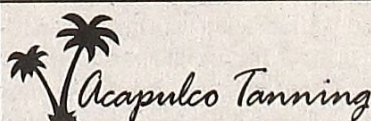
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Veteran shares stories of Tuskegee Airmen's courage

Students at Cory Elementary School in Romulus had an insider's view on African-American pilots and the contributions they made during World War II, thanks to a recent Black History Month presentation.

James C. Hayes, president of the Detroit Chapter of the Tuskegee (AL) Airmen, Inc., shared details from some of the pilots' more harrowing adventures.

Hayes is a member of the Board of Governors of the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Museum at Fort Wayne in Detroit and the Black Pilots of America, Inc.

In 1941, armed forces officials chose the Tuskegee Institute, the Hampton Institute, Virginia State and Howard universities as venues for a Civil Pilot Training Program for African-American college students.

When the United States entered WW II, the war department decided to tap African-Americans as officers and pilots for the U.S. Army Air Corps. War Department officials narrowed their choice of training sites to two locations—the Tuskegee

Institute and Hampton Institute.

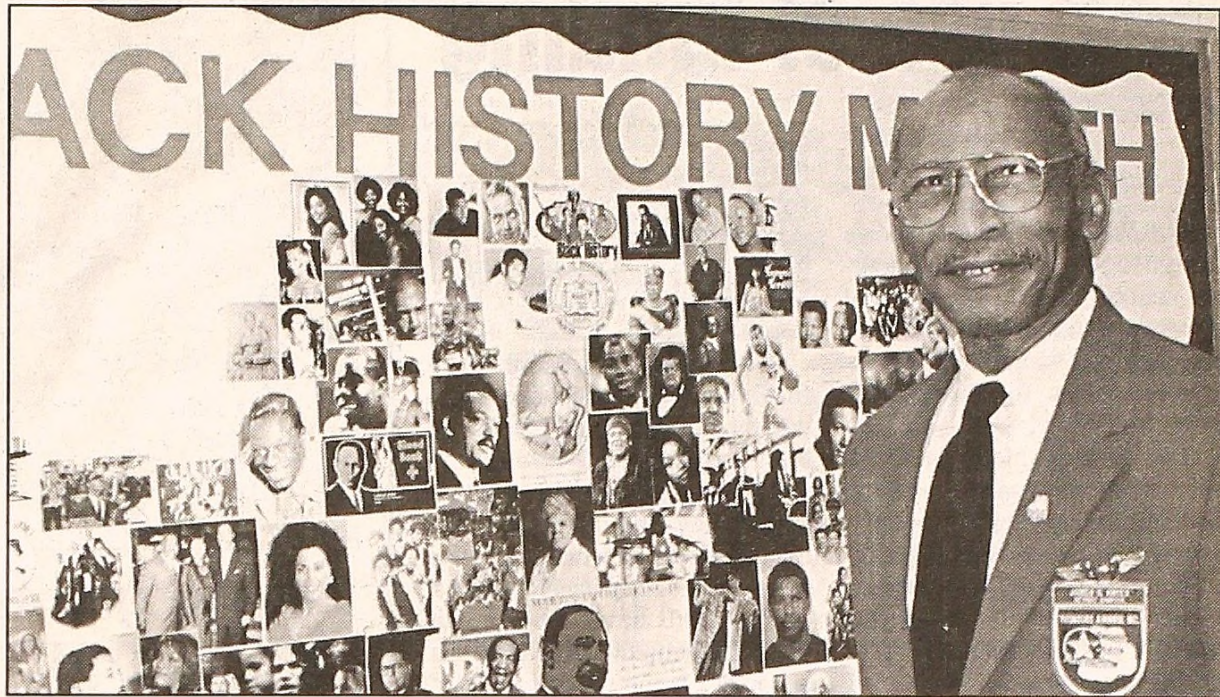
First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt visited the Tuskegee Institute airfield and, after riding in the back seat of a Piper J-C Cub with Charles "Chief" Anderson on April 19, 1941, she selected the Tuskegee site as the training ground for African-American pilots several months later.

The Tuskegee Army Airfield was officially established on July 23, 1941.

A second lieutenant, Hayes told students about the 332nd Fighter Group's various feats during flights over Europe. The airmen never lost an escorted bomber to enemy fire in more than 200 missions, according to Hayes.

He said airmen shot down 17 enemy planes over Italy in a three-week period and sank a German destroyer with only a 50-caliber machine gun. Hayes added that 66 of the 450 African-American combat pilots in the Tuskegee unit were killed in action and another 32 were either shot down and captured or had to make emergency landings in enemy territory.

He told students that the U.S.



Second Lt. James C. Hayes, president of the Detroit Chapter of the Tuskegee (AL) Airmen, Inc., a group of African-American pilots who fought in World War II, presented a lecture to Cory Elementary School students in Romulus this month. The school scheduled Hayes' talk in observance of Black History Month.

armed forces were desegregated when President Harry Truman signed Executive Order 9981 in 1948. The order called for "equality of treatment and opportunity" in the armed forces.

Hayes attended the Chrysler Institute of Engineering, the University of Detroit and the

University of Michigan. He has a commercial pilot's license, instrument rating and flight-instructor rating for single- and multi-engine airplanes. He was also once a partner in Aero Services, an airfreight and charter flight service, and owned Triangle Aviation, a flight train-

ing school.

Hayes, a member of the Tuskegee Airmen Speakers Bureau, said the bureau's goal is to keep alive the history and legend of the Tuskegee Airmen.

For more information, check out the airmen's Web site at www.tuskegeearmen.org.



Swing your partner

Monika Reynolds and her son, Jacob, a second grader at Hillcreek Elementary School, couldn't resist hitting the dance floor for the Village People song YMCA, at the Feb. 13 Mother-Son Dance at Romulus Middle School. The annual event, which features a live DJ, is designed to promote good parent-child relationships. Photo by Pam Fleming

Van Buren Township voters may face 3-mill public safety ballot question

Pam Fleming
Staff writer

There could be fewer cops on the beat and fewer firefighters in the station if voters in Van Buren Township don't approve the renewal of a public safety millage this spring or fall.

The township public safety committee agreed Feb. 11 to recommend a 3-mill renewal to the township board of trustees to fund the public safety department. The millage represents 54 percent of the departmental budget, according to Director Christopher Elg.

If approved, the proposal would authorize the township to levy up to 3.0 mills (or \$3 for each \$1,000 of taxable value of property) on township residents.

The board postponed a decision on the committee's recommendation at its Tuesday meeting, until the meeting March 4.

"If the public millage renewal is lost, it would significantly change the public safety department," Elg said.

"We would have to eliminate such things as midnight patrols,

boat patrols, our D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officer and 24-hour service," Elg said.

"We at least have to come up with a recommendation to the board to renew what we have," said Chuck Covington, a member of the public safety committee.

After voters defeated a proposed increase in the public safety millage from 3.0 mills to 3.4 mills last November, members of the public safety committee decided to pursue a renewal request.

"Township officials may be a little gun shy, but I think a renewal proposal should go on the ballot as soon as possible," Elg said. "It's better to ride with a renewal than to jeopardize the whole thing."

Walt Rochowiak, a member of the public safety committee and the township board, said millage supporters must do a better job of promoting the millage before it appears on the next ballot.

"We need to do a better job of educating people," Rochowiak said.

"What we need to do is devel-

op a sales campaign," Covington said. "We can't ask for more (money) unless we can find a better way to educate the people."

Covington suggested that the township find a consultant to assist in promoting a millage request.

But Elg said state laws prevent a municipality from spending money to promote a ballot proposal. "We can't use tax dollars to ask for tax incentives," he said.

Holly Konrad, a resident of Van Buren Township and the newest member of the public safety committee, lives in one of the few districts that voted in favor of the millage increase last November.

"Just because the economy is down, we can't let our community go into its own little depression," Konrad said.

"I think we should target our message to 40- to 50-year-olds—major wage earners who have children."

"They (the residents) need a clearer understanding of what we're trying to do," Rochowiak said.

Seniors - Scams on the rise

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for criminals.

What do criminals want? Jewelry, money, vehicles, homes, checks, ATM cards and credit cards, according to Hull.

Scams include telemarketing ploys in which criminals coerce a senior into sinking money into a bogus investment. Home improvement scams include promises for work that won't be completed or done properly, or sometimes involve excessive charging by unlicensed contractors.

"Don't be afraid to ask people for references," Hull said.

Seniors are also prime targets for identity theft, in which a thief steals forms of identification and obtains a false line of credit with another person's name.

"Don't give out personal information to telemarketers, such as your Social Security number or

date of birth," Hull said. "And shred credit card applications you don't use."

Michigan lawmakers enacted a new law in September of 2000 that makes the misuse or an adult's funds, property or personal dignity a felony. Punishment can be 10 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$15,000 or three times the value of the money or property obtained.

Hull said people whom they would otherwise trust—a family member, neighbor, caregiver, insurance agent, contractor or solicitor, dupe many seniors.

Some 66 percent of such suspects are family members, according to Hull.

"Most crimes involving family members won't be reported," he said, admonishing the crowd not to fear turning in their relatives.

"It's sad and it's embarrassing, but it's the right thing to do," he said.

Nursing home guide includes survey report

The 2003 Consumer Guide to Michigan Nursing Homes is now available, with information about all 440 licensed Michigan nursing homes, including each the most recent state survey report, services offered, and payment options accepted at each.

In addition, the guide lists a family satisfaction score for 315 homes.

According to the publisher, the satisfaction score comes from input given by about 13,500 respondents who have loved ones in Michigan nursing homes.

The guide is provided by the Health Care Association of Michigan, the Michigan Association of Homes and Services for the Aging and the Michigan County Medical Care

Facilities Council.

Anyone who would like to receive a free copy of the Wayne County index can get one by calling State Sen. Ray Basham at (517) 373-7800.

Or access the complete guide free of charge via the Michigan Association of Homes and Services for the Aging Web site at www.mahsahome.org.

Wayne deliberates best use of funding

Scott Spielman
Editor

Two Wayne parks will receive upgrades this year and the housing rehabilitation program will continue, according to Peter MacInerney, community development director for the City of Wayne.

The projects, along with others, will be paid for with Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), a source of federal funding that communities can use to bolster senior programs and facilities and put money into low income areas.

"We can't do whatever we want with them," MacInerney said. "They have to benefit low to moderate income people."

The city received \$157,000 in CDBG funds this year, MacInerney said. Planning commission members hosted a public hearing regarding the use of the funds last week, and the Wayne City Council members hosted one Tuesday night.

The funds will pay for a new \$30,000 play structure in Sue Win Park and \$15,000 worth of renovations on the walking trail through Attwood Park.

The bulk of the funds, however, will be set aside for the Community Housing Rehabilitation fund, according to MacInerney.

"It makes the neighborhood look better and the city gets its money back."

It's a sort of zero-interest loan that homeowners can apply for to pay for façade improvements on their homes, he said.

"It's a good program," MacInerney said. "It makes the neighborhood look better and the city gets its money back."

The funds have to be repaid when the homeowner either sells his or her home or refinances it, MacInerney said. The average life span of a mortgage is seven years, MacInerney pointed out.

The city set aside \$67,000 for the program, and an additional \$13,000 to pay for code enforcement. MacInerney said the code enforcement portion of the program is designed to ensure that those who take advantage of the rehabilitation project continue to maintain their homes.

"The idea is that the city has spent a lot of money on this program," he said.

"We owe it to everyone to make sure this ordinance is enforced."

The city will also set aside \$16,000 to pay for senior citizens programming, MacInerney said.



Help is 'granted'

Sam Bonam, a media tech at Cory Elementary School in Romulus, helps students London Brown, center, and Marquel Small on their schoolwork at Wick Elementary School as part of the district Boys and Girls Club program. The program is funded by a three-year, \$336,000 Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration (CSRD) grant written by Tom Dolan, Romulus curriculum director. The grant is designed to enhance students' daily schoolwork with after-school tutoring.

Area students named to Dean's List

Several area students recently earned recognition for academic excellence at Schoolcraft Community College when they were named to the Dean's List.

Students from Inkster included: Rebecca D. Jerrim, Jody Sue Murray, Tonya Renee Neilson, Carol Ann Peterson, Troy Charles Ryder and Craig Leonard Shaw.

Students from Wayne included: Jennifer Ayers, Michael W. Belanger, Any Ellen Buchanan,

Pamela Dawn Connole, Karri Anne Crose, Ashlee Diann Daniels, Jessica Kathleen Dinse, Mark William Durham, Rachel Suzanne Hurst, Jeremy Scott Johnston, Charity Rebecca Lessnau, Kristina Marie McCahill, Christopher Maurice Nesbitt, Kristen Ann Schmidt, Amanda Jo Sehee and Alexander David Thullen.

Belleville residents on the Dean's List included: Vanessa

Lynn Arsineau, Andrea Marie Baggs, Justin Anthony Clark, Jessica Marie Gibson, Kimberly Michelle Goodman, Bryan Allen Haley, Crystal L. Hawthorne, David Scott Hickman, Julie Anne Komaromi, Mark Frank Kowalski, Eric N. MacLean, Christopher Ryan Mandeville, Karen Vanessa Marin, Tammy Louise Nafranowicz, Adrienne Annice Rue, Alaina Piro Schempp and Neena Narinder Tiwana.

CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE 2003 BOARD OF REVIEW

To the taxpayers of the City of Romulus: The Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, (Lower Level) Community Room, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on the following dates and times by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll.

Meeting dates are as follows:

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| | Residential |
| March 10, 2003: | 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. |
| March 11, 2003: | 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |

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| | Commercial/Industrial |
| March 12, 2003: | 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. |

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers are as follows:

| Classification | Ratio | Multiplier |
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Review is by appointment only

Residents and Non-Residents alike may appeal by (1) making an appointment to appear before the Board OR (2) in writing (personal appearance is not required). The Board of Review MUST receive all written appeals no later than March 12, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.

Property owners may appoint and authorize a representative to appear on their behalf. All Representatives or Agents MUST submit proof of authorization to act on behalf of the property owner as a prerequisite to appeal to the Board of Review.

To schedule an appointment, please call the City of Romulus, Department of Assessment at (734) 942-7520 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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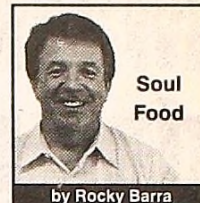


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The only thing that stays the same - change

Soul Food
by Rocky Barra

I realize that I have done several columns in recent weeks about growing older. Obviously, the topic has crossed my mind.

I recently received an e-mail revealing that each year, the staff at Beloit College in Wisconsin puts together a list to try to give the faculty a sense of the mind-set of this year's incoming freshmen.

Here is this year's list:

- The people who are starting college this fall across the nation were born in 1984. They are too young to remember the Challenger blowing up.

- Their lifetime has always included AIDS.

- Bottle caps have always been screw off and plastic.

- The CD was introduced before they were born.

- They have always had cable.

- They cannot fathom not having a remote control.

- Jay Leno has always been on the *Tonight Show*.

- Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave.

- They never took a swim and thought about *Jaws*.

- They can't imagine what hard contact lenses are.

- They don't know who Mork was or where he was from.

- They never heard, "Where's the beef?" "I'd walk a mile for a Camel," or "de plane; boss, de plane."

- They do not care who shot J.R. and have no idea who J.R. even is.

- McDonald's never came in Styrofoam containers.

- They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter.

Many of you will totally identify with the list and respond by saying, "So, what's the point?" The point is that change occurs

whether we like it or not.

How do you view change? It can be your friend or your worst nightmare. I know people who are terrified of change. The reality is that things are changing faster than ever before in the history of mankind. Not only that, but the rate of change will continue to increase as time goes by.

This is one reason knowing and serving Christ is so important in my life. He is the "non-changing Rock"—"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8). When He becomes the pivot

point of our

lives, we can handle the quick pace of other things changing because He remains that island of stability that we need. Four times in the book of Revelations, Jesus refers to himself as "the Alpha and Omega" (the beginning and the end)—the non-changing one. I can trust someone like that in my life and with my life because the ever-quicken pace of change is taking away our other traditional foundations. Christ remains and will ever be, The Rock.

OBITUARIES

RASPBERRY, Carolyn

Carolyn Raspberry, 61, of Romulus, died Feb. 13 at Oakwood-South Shore Medical Center.

Among her survivors are her father, former Romulus City Councilman Jimmie Raspberry; a brother, Kenneth J. Raspberry of Auburn Hills; sisters, Rosalind Raspberry of Hammond, Ind. and Rose (Howard) Raspberry-Fisher of Ypsilanti; three nieces; eight nephews; two great-nieces, and seven great-nephews.

Miss Raspberry was a 1960 graduate of Romulus High School and had lived in Romulus since 1943.

Services were at the Pleasant Valley AME Church in Belleville where Miss Raspberry was a member, with the Rev. Andre L. Spivey officiating.

Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home.

ZILKE, Robert Frank

Robert Frank Zilke, 88, of Belleville died Feb. 6 in Farmington Hills.

Among his survivors are his wife, Elizabeth B. (Stott) Zilke; his children, Suzanne Zilke of Sante Fe, N.M., William (Carol) Zilke of Romulus and Raymond (Stacy) Zilke of Westland, and two grandchildren.

Mr. Zilke was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church and the Redford Theatre Organ Society.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

TARR, Terry Lee

Terry Lee Tarr, 56, of Belleville, died Feb. 6 at home.

Among his survivors are his son, Cory

Martin Tarr of Ohio; his parents, Frank and Wanda (Rawlings) Tarr of Belleville, and a brother, Frank Charles Tarr of Belleville.

Mr. Tarr retired from General Motors Corp. after 30 years of employment.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

HAMBLIN, Jessie Lee

Jessie Lee Hamblin, 83, of Florida, formerly of Belleville, died Feb. 3.

Among her survivors are her son, the Rev. Jay (Claudia) Frazier of Rockledge, Fla.; a sister, Gay Bellamy of Kingsport, Tenn.; four grandchildren, Christie Frazier of Kingsport, Tenn., Monty Frazier of Johnson City, Tenn., Jessie (Alan) Morrison of Titusville, Fla. and Jennifer (Tom) Steiner also of Titusville, Fla., and four great-granddaughters.

Services were at Oak Hill Funeral Home in Kingsport, Tenn. With the Rev. Clarence Bear and the Rev. Jay Frazier officiating.

Interment was in Oak Hill Memorial Park in Kingsport.

TANNER, Thomas A.

Thomas A. Tanner, 70, of Romulus, died Feb. 3.

Among his survivors are his daughter, Renee M. (Gary) Sampson of Belleville; sons, Brad T. Tanner of Romulus and Vince M. Tanner of Cal.; sisters, Patricia Muncie of Wayne and Joanne Higgins of Houghton Lake; seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with Father Alexander Wyrtrwal of St. Stephens Catholic Church officiating.

MASSEY, Ruth Catherine

Ruth Catherine Massey, 89, of Belleville, died Feb. 2 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Among her survivors are her children, Joan (Richard) Cramb of West Branch, James David (Peggy) Massey II of Fernley, Nev., Donald R. (Ellen) Massey of Belleville and Georgia (Jerry) Downey of Sulfer Springs, Fla.; brothers, Arthur McKinnis and Robert (Bootie) McKinnis; a

sister, Dorothy Brotherton; nine grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

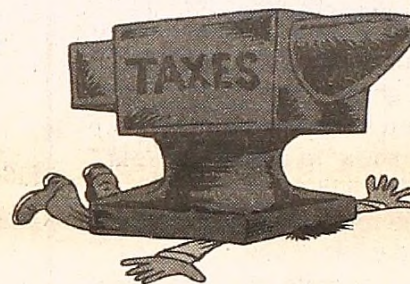
Mrs. Massey was a former member of Grace Baptist Church in Belleville.

Services were at the Belleville First United Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Norman Long officiating.

Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West in Westland. Local arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

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NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS
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The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, on the following dates:

March 4, Tuesday
10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

March 10, Monday
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

March 11, Tuesday
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To review property assessments for 2003. Taxpayers/property owners may file an appeal of assessment(s) to the Board of Review in WRITING without personal appearance. Letters of appeal must be received on or before March 12, 2003.

Those taxpayers wishing to appeal in person, please call the Township by March 10, 2003 at 734.699.8946 to set an APPOINTMENT to meet with the Board of Review on any of the above dates.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Van Buren Charter Township

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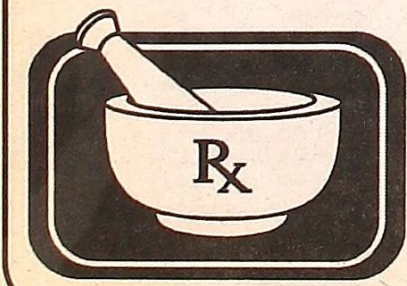
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Market day now Tuesday

Visitors attempting to find the Belleville Farmer's Market on any given Saturday will be sorely disappointed—but Tuesday shoppers downtown will have a multitude of produce, flowers and even some crafts from which to choose.

Belleville City Council members approved the market vendors' appeal to change the event hours and days from Saturdays to 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. The Farmer's Market operates from May to October each year at the Fourth Street Square on Main Street in Belleville.

Market Supervisor Bob Kennedy said a goal of the switch is to increase customer foot traffic. He said factors like civic, church and school events on Saturdays were drawing customers away from the market, as well as local competitive markets in Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor and Saline operating on the same day. Kennedy said he hopes more vendors will participate this year from the competitive markets.

"It gives us the opportunity to pick up many vendors who have been going to other markets," Kennedy said.

"There's no competition with Saturday."

Kennedy said having the event on the weekend takes away the opportunity for vacationing customers to visit the market.

"We found in the summertime a lot of Belleville residents leave for the weekend," Kennedy said.

Kennedy said he hopes to attract more customers driving home from work to the market by operating later in the day. Stores along Main Street are usually closed on Saturday mornings, he said, and having the stores open during the market may help increase foot traffic.

City Manager Steve Walters said the market vendors have the option of operating on Saturdays during the Strawberry Festival, the Harvest Fest or another special event.

He said if the market operates in the same location of the event than the market will operate under an agreement between the market supervisor and the event operator.

Handcrafters are limited to six vendors, he said. To participate in the market or for more information call Kennedy at (734) 699-2034.



Carol Wolan

New school nurse joins district

People may think a school nurse just cleans skinned knees and soothes upset stomachs. But the demands and responsibilities of the position have increased, according to Carol Wolan, the new school nurse in the Romulus district.

Wolan said the role of the school nurse has changed a lot—even in the last five years.

"We have a lot of children now with special health needs. They may have asthma, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, diabetes or other conditions. We need to identify health conditions that may interfere

with the learning process and help the child do the best that he or she can," she said.

Wolan, who started in the Romulus schools Jan. 2, is a native and resident of Riverview who worked for Wyandotte Public Schools for 14 years.

She began her career as a general education school nurse. Later, she worked as a special education school nurse, caring for students ages 3 to 26.

Wolan moved into the Romulus position when Laura Ralko, the former school nurse, accepted another job.

"I came to Romulus so that I could work as a general education school nurse again," she said.

Wolan earned her undergraduate degree in nursing from the University of Detroit Mercy and received a master's degree in health services administration from Central Michigan University. She is certified by the Michigan Department of Education and also has a national certification as a school nurse.

She is a former president of the Michigan Association of School Nurses and has been a member for 14 years.

NOTICE TO ROMULUS CITIZENS ABOUT NEW AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS.

At the February 10th Board of Education meeting, the Romulus Board of Education approved the recommendations presented by the Policy Committee to govern audience participation at future Romulus Board of Education meetings. Residents will be asked to fill out their name, address, phone number, the date and the subject they wish to discuss with the Board. Citizens will need to know that they will have to hand in their request BEFORE the start of the 6:30 p.m. Romulus Board of Education meetings.

The next Romulus Board of Education meeting is scheduled on Monday, March 10, 2003 and will be held at the administration offices at 36540 Grant Rd.

GUIDELINES FOR AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The Board of Education welcomes audience participation at its meetings. These guidelines, which are based on the Board of Education By-Laws and Policies, are intended to facilitate the orderly conduct of the audience participation portion of Board of Education meetings.

The District encourages parents, students and others to resolve issues at the building level whenever possible - with the teacher or building principal or assistant principal. Issues not resolved at the building level may be addressed to the appropriate central office administrator and then, if necessary, to the Superintendent. The Board of Education discourages parents, students and others from addressing the Board of Education on issues that have not been processed in this fashion and will, in such cases, direct the person addressing the Board of Education to the appropriate administrator.

- Persons wishing to address the Board of Education must complete an audience participation card and submit it to the Board's President before the meeting starts. Cards will not be accepted after the meeting starts.
- The Board's President will recognize speakers.
- Speakers must limit their comments to three minutes or less unless, due to the number of persons desiring to address the Board, the Board's President limits comments to two minutes or less. Speakers may not defer any part of their time to others.
- Speakers must identify themselves by name and address. Speakers representing organizations or groups should indicate whether their comments represent the official position of those organizations or groups.
- Speakers should observe the rules of common courtesy. Personal attacks on Board members and District employees will not be tolerated. Board members and District employees may request the Board entertain complaints against them in closed session.
- The audience participation portion of Board of Education meetings does not exceed 30 minutes.
- Board of Education members may question speakers to gain additional information. However, the Board of Education does not debate audience participation items.
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OPINION

Size does matter

Township officials are always looking to get as much respect as their city counterparts.

In Wayne County alone, townships like Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Sumpter and Van Buren are vying for the same attention – and rights, recognition and responsibilities – that their more urban neighbors innately possess. They are dependent on the county for some of their most basic services, like road maintenance and repairs. They are perceived as rural communities headed up by less sophisticated elected officials.

Now, Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) has introduced legislation that will subtly alter the way those municipalities are perceived.

It's Senate Bill 159 and it's been referred to the Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs. The sentence-long addition to Public Act 153 of 1937 states: "Beginning Oct. 1, 2003, if this state prints a form that references a city or village, the form shall also reference a township in the same size print and same font as the city or village is referenced."

The most obvious application of the change is on state maps, where type size and population go hand-in-hand. There's no reason that a place like Canton Township, with more than 70,000 residents, shouldn't receive more map play than a city like Plymouth, with less than 10,000 residents.

For Patterson, who has long advocated equal rights and more local control for the upscale townships he represents, it is probably a minor victory in that long-advocated crusade.

Is it a big change? No. Is it a legacy issue? No. Was there a loud hue and cry from a cartographer's lobbying group? Doubtful. Will the majority of Michigan residents even realize it has occurred? Probably not.

Well, why do it then?

Perhaps the reason is this. Maybe it shows that legislators don't have to change the face of the state to adequately represent their constituents. And maybe with the small change to state policy Patterson is showing a subtle fact to his constituents: when it comes to representing the community, no issue is too small.

Room for improvement

When Wayne businessman Robert Wojtowicz presented his plan for Club Xtreme in the City of Wayne, he inadvertently brought into focus the sometimes contradictory nature of Downtown Development Authorities (DDAs).

By definition, these authorities are designed to increase development in downtown areas by providing incentives for business people to reinvest in them.

There are traditionally two components of a vital downtown: diverse businesses, including shops restaurants and entertainment, and the residential component to help support them.

Wayne, however, has an ordinance that throws a little wrench into the mix. It provides for an additional obstacle for regulated uses – an establishment with a liquor license, for example – that are within 500 feet of another regulated use or a residential area.

It also provides for a way to overcome the obstacles, specifically, to show that 60 percent of the proceeds of the business come from a source other than alcohol and return a petition signed with 51 percent of the residents within a 500-foot area.

The problem with the ordinance is that it is somewhat lacking in definition and gives boards like the Zoning Board of Appeals enough leeway for businesspeople to claim harassment if they don't get their way.

In Wojtowicz's instance, for example, the ZBA discounted the sig-

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State mishandled fire aftermath

When fire ripped through the petting zoo at Maybury State Park last week, it left behind a lot of bruised feelings, heartache and a great sense of loss.

Even as firefighters kept their eyes on the site and squelched the remaining hot spots, a shrine grew by the side of the road, dominated by an enormous heart with a jagged black line that separated the two halves. Beside that a tiny plastic sign urged state officials to rebuild the site.

It was clear that the community had a lot of strong feelings about the site and the many animals that sadly perished there last week.

They also had a lot of questions.

Calls flooded into Northville Township Hall, Northville City Hall, the fire departments and

the Northville Parks and Recreation Department from concerned residents and long-time visitors to the farm, wanting to know what happened, and how they could help.

For the most part, they were disappointed, because the State of Michigan handled the aftermath of the blaze, and the state wasn't giving out any information.

I talked with a worker on the scene who said he wasn't allowed to talk to the media because he couldn't speculate on the cause of the fire. Even after I told him I wasn't even going to ask him that, only about the personal aftereffects he and other workers would be suffering, he said he couldn't say anything about that, either.

I understand the reluctance of state officials to try to limit the

amount of information that is disseminated, particularly at a time when there are no clear answers. I don't understand, however, not letting a loyal employee talk about the personal side of this tragedy. Somehow, a line like: "This has been a terrible tragedy, and we're all getting on as best we can," reads a lot differently when it's attributed to a state Department of Natural Resources spokesman rather than someone who fed the animals, scratched their ears, watched them play.

Besides that, talking about these tragedies is often the first step to coming to terms with our grief. Those close to the farm on a daily basis deserve that much, at least.

Close
to the
Edge

by Scott Spielman

Now's no time to censor rhyme

A White House-planned symposium
To recite and read ad nauseum
The Poems of Emily Dickinson
Was kicked in the tush
By Laura Bush,
Who feared the poems in store
Would be all anti-war.
That made the poets sore.

Some things defy reason. Besides my poetry, I mean. Like the First Lady's desire to put the kibosh on the symposium planned last week to celebrate the works of Dickinson, Langston Hughes, and Walt Whitman. What happened was both mind-numbingly dumb and frightening.

The event was supposed to be part of a series Mrs. Bush planned, saluting American authors. In this case, she invited a number of poets to read and comment on the works of those celebrated poets. Did somebody forget to tell her that a war is brewing which is unpopular

among the liberal class and that poets are the artistic voice of that class? Apparently so, because a number of the poets planned to bring along, and presumably read, their own anti-war poems.

I would guess that any poets who showed up at the symposium without a fresh anti-war missive in their notebook would be given the Bum's Rush and branded as imposters by their fellow travelers. The cancellation saved us from that ugly scene.

There are very few politically conservative poets in this country, just as there are few conservative folk singers. That is a subject I wrote about extensively a while back (I still imagine a trio of Ronald Reagan, William F. Buckley, Jr., and Jeanne Kirkpatrick harmonizing on a rousing chorus of "If I Had A Hammer, I'd Swing It At The Tax Code.")

Poets are liberal because, and

I am using a broad brush here, they see the world differently. They see the pain life inflicts and dream of harmony and peace. Feelings cover reason like a warm, fuzzy blanket. Their hearts bleed passion and their souls pour out rhyme. So why would the White House choose wartime to invite poets into the National Living Room to sip coffee and recite poetry? I am still aghast at the poor choices.

The White House reaction to this fiasco bothers me, too, because it leaves the impression that they cower in fear of what some obscure poet might say. The last I heard, we won the Cold War. Free speech prevailed over government-sponsored speech. Under our Constitution, no one should fear the free expression of political thought. One might

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by Russ Franzen

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Councilman is criticized

To the editor;

I usually try to make it my habit not to criticize the actions of elected officials, since I personally have been one before and I like to think that they are trying their best at the job they are charged to do. However, there has been a problem here in the City of Romulus that has gone on for many years unchecked. I have lived here by choice (I had a home built here) for over eight years now, so I assume this problem dates back to before then.

I speak of the constant rude, crass, sarcastic and downright asinine behavior of our Mayor pro tem Randolph Gear. Records over the last eight years will show that all of my interactions with the city council and/or mayor(s) have been on a professional level.

The current issue that I speak of, although many may call it trivial, is the deep-rooted behavioral pattern embodied by this leader. At a recent meeting, when I was there to show appreciation and support for the firemen of our city, especially those from Station Four, who have aided me countless times over the last year, I witnessed the most recent of these outbursts.

Councilman (William) Wadsworth, with the consensus approval of the mayor and fellow council members, including Mr. Gear, brought up an issue relative to Romulus lobbying for its' rightful representation on the airport authority. At the end of the discussion, Mr. Gear made several sarcastic, ignorant statements. This highly unpro-

fessional behavior should not be tolerated by the other council members or by this community.

Councilman Gear likes to espouse "correct placement on the agenda" and "rules of decorum" and yet quite often he only uses such things as weapons to those who he opposes personally or their ideals. His lack of even a mediocre working knowledge of Roberts' Rules of Order is laughable at best, and yet he flaunts it in the face of public members who are not schooled in the use of parliamentary procedures. When I went to school, I remember, "A government of the people, for the people and by the people."

If our leaders cannot show some level of compassion, respect and interest in their constituents, then I ask, why are they there?

I am aware that watching our council meetings on cable TV is not the most exciting thing to do on an evening, but I challenge Romulus residents to begin to do so, or, better still, attend meetings. See how you are being represented. Currently, we seek local, country, state and federal leaders that show restraint, respect knowledge and the necessary leadership skills needed to lead us through some challenging times. I believe that Mr. Gear's behavior is reprehensible and we, the votes, should hold him accountable for this. I personally expect more from someone sworn to represent me. As I stated on the record at that meeting, I am embarrassed and ashamed that he represents me.

Robert W. McLachlan,
Romulus

Clarification

In the Feb. 13 edition of *The Belleville Enterprise* the article "Active Belleville veteran striving for change", indicated that the American flag can be lowered to half-staff by order of the mayor upon the death of a former mayor, city official, city council member or local resident who has made a significant contribution to the community.

The article should have stated the CITY flag can be lowered on such occasions by order of the mayor.

The article also stated the American flag is displayed at half-staff from sunrise to sunset each year on National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day on July 27. Correct flag etiquette states that the flag is lowered to half-staff from sunrise until noon, then hoisted to the top of the staff for normal display on that day.

The article also stated that Belleville resident Bob Doan ensured that flags are flown on all veterans' graves in the city. It should have stated that Doan ensured flags are flown on all veterans' graves at Hillside Cemetery.

Improvement - Rules allow for too many loopholes

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natures because the petition was completely filled out with addresses to go along with the names. A resident of Wayne Towers with simply the apartment number listed beside it was discarded, according to Wojtowicz.

The ironic part here is that Wojtowicz could still probably

open his club. He could market it toward the teenagers that city officials probably don't want hanging out until early morning hours. That way he wouldn't have to apply for a liquor license. If he did so, the club probably wouldn't be as successful or as popular with the neighboring businesses or residents.

If the City of Wayne is intent

on revamping downtown and rebuilding it as an even more viable business district, it might make sense to look at the ordinance and determine if its in the best interest of controlled downtown development.

Either that, or they should more clearly define the types of businesses that they want there.

Rhyme

FROM PAGE 7

not choose to listen to or read it, but each citizen has the right to their own expressions. In song. In poetry. In lame newspaper columns. On a stool at a local coffee shop. Even in a cushy, taxpayer-purchased chair at the White House.

The White House missed a chance to send a powerful

message throughout the world. By hosting the symposium, they could have shouted, "We do not fear the voice of dissent, because the free exchange of ideas makes our country strong!"

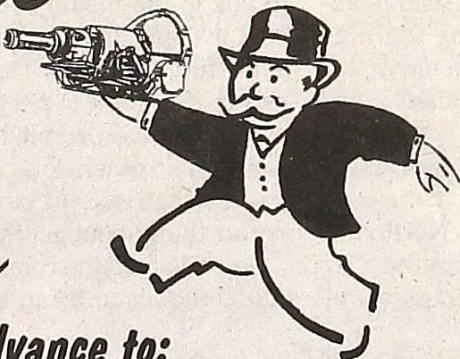
A few years ago, a group of local poets got tossed out of Art In The Park because a poem offended someone. I was content to address that outrage with a dose of satire. Not this time.

Our freedoms are being dis-

mantled at a harrowing pace in order to "protect" us from the unprotectible.

Dissent is called un-American, yet it is the mortar that holds together our country's foundation of free speech. Taking away dissenting voices puts America into the same totalitarian slough as the regimes of Castro, Saddam Hussein, and Communist China. We need to understand that our freedoms are the only "homeland security" we need.

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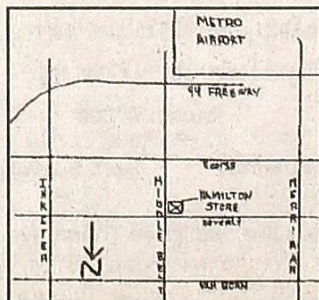
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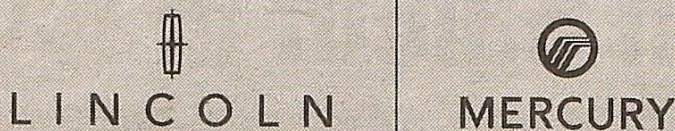
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SPORTS

Canton holds off Salem in icy rival game

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Canton Chiefs men's hockey team earned a measure of revenge Friday night when they matched up with their cross-campus rivals, the Salem Rocks.

This time the two teams played at the Plymouth Cultural Center, the home rink for Salem, and it proved a much friendlier environment than the Arctic Edge Arena in Canton, where the Rocks trounced Canton 7-1 last month.

That was their sole loss in a month, though, and the Chiefs have come a long way, according to Canton Coach Dan Abraham.

The Chiefs scored three goals in the third period to snatch the victory from Salem, 4-3.

"After the whumping they gave us, it was nice to go in there and get a win," said Abraham.

It was nearly a feeling of déjà vu for the Chiefs, who surrendered two quick goals in the first three minutes.

Mark Nagel put Salem on the board with a feed from Jeff

Harris at the 12:46 mark. About a minute later Mike Barr added to the lead with an assist from Aaron Cheesman.

Abraham said his team remained focused, though, and gradually pulled back into the game. Garret Hyman put them on the board, off a feed from Dave Bak.

The period ended with the Rocks up 2-1.

Canton didn't find the net in the second period, but Salem did.

A crowd of players descended on the Canton net at the 5:59 mark and it was Nagel who found the puck and snuck it past Canton Goalie Charles Kemp. Eric Culp and John Schultz earned assists.

The Chiefs were down, 3-1, going into the third period but not out.

Canton started their rally barely a minute into the third period, Abraham said. Brian Wioncek beat Salem Goalie Brandon DeMars, with assists from Kyle Tollison and Casey Skrzypek.

Less than a minute later, the

Chiefs tied the game on a shot from Reece McCabe. Hyman and Bak got assists.

Dave Commiskey scored the eventual game-winner when he took a feed from Matt Gabriel and Ryan McKendry and beat DeMars at the 9:19 mark.

Salem Coach Fred Feiler pulled DeMars for the extra man with 1:15 left in the game, but the Rocks couldn't convert with the advantage.

"We were playing really well at that point," said Abraham. "They didn't have any great opportunities."

The Chiefs are 14-8 overall and Salem is 17-4-1. Canton is in first place in the league, tied with Livonia Franklin.

They played Stevenson last night in a game that could have decided who took sole possession of first place. When they last met, the Chiefs topped the Spartans, 4-1.

"They're a lot better now," Abraham said. "We've got to put our best game forward. They're in the same position. They need to beat us."



It's always a tough game when the Canton Chiefs and the Salem Rocks collide. The Chiefs won this round of ice hockey, 4-3.

Salem 6, Dearborn 3

The Rocks overcame a two-goal deficit last Wednesday to top Dearborn, 6-3.

They scored five unanswered goals in the second and third periods, according to Feiler.

Jeff Harris, Bryan Young, Craigen Bauldry, Mark Nagel, David Gill and John Schultz all tallied for the Rocks. Young added three assists for a four-point night.

Belleville finishes undefeated

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Belleville Tigers are heading into the Mega Tournament on a high note.

The Tigers topped River Rouge Friday in their last game of the regular season, 69-45, to finish 10-0 in the Mega Red Conference, according to Coach Mike Krogel.

Belleville opened up an early lead and River Rouge never recovered, he said. They outscored the Panthers 17-4 in the first quarter.

"It was a really good quarter for us defensively and we moved the ball real well offensively, too," said Krogel.

The Tigers outscored the Panthers in the second, too, 18-13 and took a 20-point lead into half time.

River Rouge wasn't quite done, though. They mounted a comeback in the third quarter and got as close as 10 points, 42-32, before Belleville pulled away. The Panthers won the third quarter 18-14.

A 20-10 scoring advantage in the fourth was all the Tigers needed to complete their league season, undefeated.

Alex Davenport led Belleville with 21 points, 10 rebounds and four steals. Darryl Hudson had



Canton coach Don Smith will continue to coach the women's soccer team this spring. He is stepping down as coach of the men's program though, after 13 years.

Smith retires as Canton boys' soccer coach

Scott Spielman
Editor

When the Canton Chiefs men's soccer team takes the field next fall, they'll do it under the direction of a new coach.

Don Smith, who has coached the men's team for 13 years, has retired from that position, according to Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman. He'll continue to coach the women's program.

Smith led the Chiefs to six division titles, two regional titles and the Michigan High School Athletic Association Championship in 1994. His career record at Canton was 169-81-35.

Heinzman said he'd be nearly impossible to replace.

"He is a master coach who brings so much knowledge and character to the program that he'll be truly missed," she said.

Salem Coach Ed McCarthy said he was surprised to hear the news.

"I thought he'd be there forever," McCarthy said. "I'll miss seeing him on the sidelines, that's for sure."

Smith earned plenty of respect from his coaching colleagues during his tenure. His strategy involved rotating players a lot to give everyone plenty of game time and keep the players fresh at the same time.

"It's given me some problems over the last six years," said McCarthy.

"I really enjoyed his style and approach. I think he was highly effective with getting results with the teams he's had."

Heinzman said she's still accepting applications for Smith's successor.

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Soccer players traditionally report in late July for volunteer workouts to get ready for the fall season.

Wayne sends 3 wrestlers to regionals

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Wayne Zebras will send three wrestlers to the regional competition next week, according to Coach Tony Venturini.

Tim Hammer (130), Rex Fugaban (135), and Steve Wallace (170) will all advance after strong showings Saturday at the individual district competition.

Hammer earned his advancement with a third place finish and Fugaban earned a fourth place finish.

Wallace continued to impress all that watched him. He's 39-0 on the year, and has set a new record for victories at Wayne Memorial High School.

"He looked pretty tough in the finals," Venturini said.

Hammer fell to Salem's Mike Goethe, who had dropped from the 135 pound class to the 130 pound class.

"That was a real good match," Venturini said. "He'll be seeing him again."

The Zebras had a strong showing from other wrestlers, too. Paul Cavanaugh wrestled well throughout the tournament as did R. J. Ramzi. Jason Carothers came within a match away from moving on.

"They were all close," Venturini said. "If they'd've won one more, they'd be on their way."

Chiefs fall to Salem in close dual match

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Canton Chiefs wrestled hard in the opening round of the team district competition last Thursday, but fell to their cross-creek rivals, the Salem Rocks, 45-25.

"It turned out to be a pretty good dual meet," said Canton Coach Casey Randolph.

The Chiefs had wins from Corey Breitmeyer (119) Dan Bergmsa (130), Ryan Webb (140), Tim Larsen (171) and Mark Kersten (215).

Rob Schnettler (125) was uncharacteristically pinned, though, according to Randolph, in a match that he had been winning, 4-0.

"We normally get a win there," he said.

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The score really wasn't indicative of the match. I was happy it was that close. It showed how far we've come from the beginning of the season.

Coach Casey Randolph

"That was a big turning point for us. That definitely wasn't a loss I was counting on."

Steve Hosey (145) lost by a point and a

couple of other Chiefs lost by only three points, Randolph said.

"The score really wasn't indicative of the match," he said. "I was happy it was that close. It showed how far we've come from the beginning of the season."

The Chiefs had only one wrestler advance at the individual district competition on Saturday. Webb ended up taking third.

Five other Chiefs were 2-2, but they lost their qualifying matches, Randolph said.

"We wrestled probably the best we have all year," he said. "We had only one crappy match, but that was the qualifier."

Larsen lost his qualifying match 3-2. Hosey was ahead of Tony Stott when the two athletes butted heads. Blood sprayed from the wound in Stott's head, but it was only superficial. He got bandaged up and returned to the fray with about 30 seconds to go and Hosey got tripped up and wound up on his back, according to Randolph.

"That was a frustrating loss," he said. "We had him beat."

The Chiefs' rebuilding season is all but over, but they've had some highlights along the way, according to Randolph. Bergmsa won 39 matches during the season, even though he won't be going on to the regional or state competition.

Randolph said the team showed steady progression, too, for a team that started mostly underclassmen. He's hoping for a better showing next year, which will be the second year of his tutelage.

"We lost the close ones only due to our inexperience, for the most part," he said.

Tigers - Belleville readies for Mega tourney

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16 points and six rebounds. Tyler Jones had 10 points and five assists and Martin Samarco had seven points and seven rebounds.

"We've had well-balanced scoring all year long," Krogel said. "This was a good game for us."

The Tigers are 16-1 overall. They open the Mega Red tournament

tomorrow against Dearborn. They played Dearborn on Jan. 7 and beat them 79-50. That game was close during the first half, but the Tigers pulled away in the third and blew them out in the fourth quarter.

Krogel said they've improved a lot since then, though.

"They got a nice squad," he said. "They've got some kids that can score a lot of points for them. We won't take them for granted."

Zebras - Wallace likely to advance to states

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That sets the stage for the individual regional competition that will take place Saturday in Novi, Venturini said.

It will also be the site of the rematch between Hammer and Goethe, according to Venturini, which drew the eyes of most of the players, coaches and spectators last week.

"That was the match of the day," he said. "You couldn't ask for a better match."

He said his best opportunity for a trip to states lay in the undefeated Wallace, who is the number one seed in his class. Venturini said he expects his star to work his way through the regionals, but won't take anyone for granted.

"He's got a good chance of getting to the states," he said.

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John Glenn clinches first with win over Wayne

Scott Spielman
Editor

It was a standing room only Friday night when the Wayne Memorial Zebras hosted their cross-town rivals, the John Glenn Rockets to a friendly game of hoops.

Basketball boosters ran out of tickets to the game and had to turn away crowds before it started, the excitement was so high.

The teams didn't disappoint their fans, either as they matched up for a game that was decided by a single point.

"It was a real battle," said Wayne Coach Wayne Woodard.

"It's always hard fought and pretty even.

It was a battle they ultimately lost, 72-71.

It was evenly matched throughout the game, though. John Glenn had the lead, 20-14 after the first quarter, but Wayne tied it with a 20-14 second quarter, according to Woodard.

The two teams traded baskets and the lead throughout the third period and most of the fourth before John Glenn pulled away.

They opened up a 12 point lead with about four minutes left, and thought they had the game well in hand.

Not so.

Genois Safford got things going as the Zebras started to rally. He hit two big shots and propelled the Zebras back toward the Rockets.

He put them within two points, 68-66 with about a minute left but Glenn's Jerret Smith answered to increase the lead to four points.

Darre Johnson floated a graceful three-pointer to bring the Zebras within a point but a Glenn basket put the Rockets back up by two.

Another basket from Wayne had the score at 72-71 with about 24 seconds left. The Rockets tried to hold on but they were called

for traveling with less than 10 seconds on the clock.

Wayne inbounded the ball and pushed toward the basket with a 3-on-2, according to Woodard.

Johnson sprinted toward the net and tried a shot from 15 feet away, but it bounced off the rim. T.J. McClain was in the right spot though, and snagged the rebound. He put up a shot that fell just short as time expired.

Safford led the Zebras with 18 points. Johnson put up 14, Jonathon Raspberry scored 13 and McClain chipped in with 11.

Jerret Smith scored 23 points for the Rockets, Wilson scored 21.

John Glenn clinched first

place with the win.

"Even if they lose their next two and we win out, we'd be tied for the division but they'd play for the conference championship," Woodard said.

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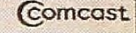

The rivalry game between John Glenn and Wayne Memorial was everything the standing room only crowd could have asked for last week, when John Glenn won by a point.

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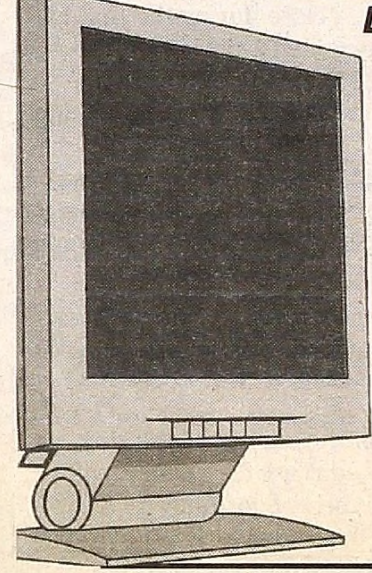
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Rocks top Chiefs despite solid Canton effort

Scott Spielman
Editor

The storied rivalry between the Canton and Salem basketball teams added another chapter last week when the two met for their annual campus clash.

This time, Salem earned the happy ending by holding off the Chiefs, 63-52.

"It was a great game," said Canton Coach Jeremy Rheault. "They just made some more plays at the end. They have more depth and more experience."

It started out evenly enough, he said. The Rocks took an early lead with a 16-13 first quarter. It was all tied up with about a minute to go, though, when Dave Hoskins hit a three-point shot for Salem.

The Chiefs battled back and tied it up with about two minutes left to go in the half, according to Rheault.

But then Salem scored the last eight points of the second quarter to take a 31-23 lead into halftime.

"We changed our defense a little bit and that changed their pattern," said Salem Coach Bob Brodie.

The Chiefs came out sluggishly in the third quarter, but Salem was still hot. They went on a 16-9 run to open the second half of play and were about to pull away from Canton all together when the Chiefs rallied.

The put up the final 10 points of the third and narrowed the

lead to five points going into the fourth quarter, 47-42.

"Our inside game was doing well," Rheault said. "We hung in there."

The two teams were evenly matched for most of the fourth quarter, too. With five minutes left to play, it was still a five-point game, according to Rheault.

"We just kept hanging in there and trading off baskets," he said. "We dealt with pressure better in the second half."

Ultimately, the Chiefs couldn't contain Hoskins, though. He started a final Salem rally, scoring four points in a 7-0 run that put the game out of reach for the Chiefs.

Hoskins led the Rocks with 29 points on he night. Stevland Davis put up 11 points.

For Canton it was Steve Thornton, who put up 21 points, brought back 12 rebounds and helped out with six assists. He sank 82 percent of his shots.

"He had a great game," said Rheault.

D.J. Bridges contributed 16 points and Brad Waidmann put up eight. Rheault said he was happy with the way the team played this year.

Salem is 12-5 overall. They host John Glenn

tomorrow night in a rematch that Brodie said promised to be a challenging game. The Rockets topped the Rocks when they tangled earlier in the year, but that was in Westland and Hoskins was injured, Brodie said. Even so, he said the game tomorrow would be real tough.

"Hopefully, being in our own gym and having (Hoskins) at 100 percent will give us a few more points," Brodie said.

Canton 51, Walled Lake Western 44

The Chiefs rebounded from their Tuesday loss to top the Warriors, 51-44.

Solid shooting down the stretch proved to be the key for Canton, according to Rheault.

The Warriors outscored the Chiefs 14-12 in the first, but Canton had eliminated that lead by half

time, when it was all knotted up at 22. They edged Western by a point in the third and took the fourth quarter 15-9 to seal the win.

Brad Waidmann led the Chiefs with 14 points, even though he didn't play in the fourth quarter. He landed on his ankle wrong and twisted, but Rheault said he should recover quickly. Bridges had 10 points on the night. Dave Nicolaff had eight points, Matt Paye had seven and Thornton had six. Devin Thomas came in in the fourth to sub for Waidmann and scored six points in that quarter, Rheault said.

Canton is 5-12 overall, but

they've been in a lot of close games, said Rheault. They're constantly improving and working well as a team, he added.

"I like the way we're playing right now," he said.

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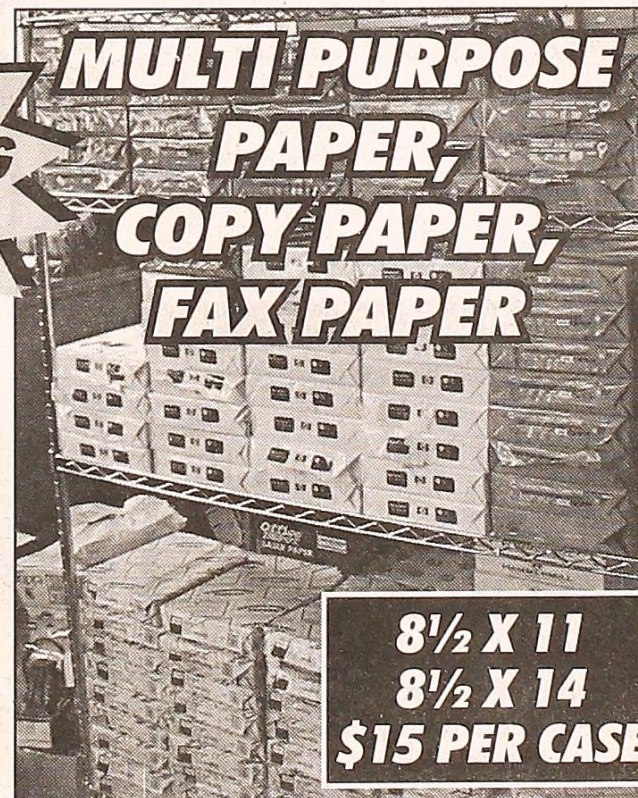
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2FTDF15E0BCB22217
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2GBEG25K5K419961
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1FASP14J7SW296119
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1FTEX14H6SKA87546
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1LNBM82F6JY685925
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1GCCC14H2EF354911
1993 GEO - 2 door
2G1MR2463P6715015
1987 Chrysler - 2 door
3C3CJ41K6HT726451
1987 Ford - Sta. Wag.
1FTDE14H0HHC25346
1987 Dodge - P/U
1B7GN14M7HS336327
1986 Chevrolet - 2 door
1G1YY0783G5121781
1994 Ford - 4 door
1FAPP36X9RK140717
1993 Dodge - 4 door
1B3XA46K3PF571082
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1FTBR10T0HUC05093
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1FAFP53U3XG165689
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JM3LV5224M0319280
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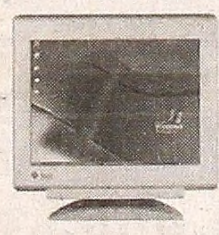


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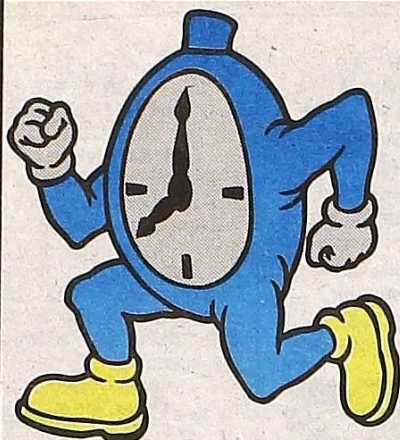
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